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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Chattanooga Regional Manufacturing Association (CRMA) is a trade association that is focused on the general betterment of all Chattanooga-area manufacturing operations. CRMA assists other organizations in economic development activities, seeking to create a sustainable array of industries, suppliers and customers that collectively can compete on local, regional, national and global bases.

We are very supportive of the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile because it will be good for Chattanooga and the manufacturing jobs that our community needs. Improved wireless technology and mobile broadband are two resources our area's businesses need to succeed. Businesses with access to broadband are much more competitive than those without, and many of our more rural members have gone without for far too long. The opportunity to bring broadband to these communities, and to have these communities access that broadband on the go, is a fantastic growth tool.

CRMA is also interested in education. Manufacturers are dependent upon an adequate number of employees and applicants possessing knowledge, skills and abilities compatible with current and future job requirements. With access to mobile broadband, our area's schools and tech centers will have access to cutting edge technology to help our students to succeed and enter the job market with the skills they need to get a good-paying job.

Because of the availability of new technologies both in the classroom and on the manufacturing floor, the AT&T-T-Mobile merger would bring economic development and job creation to the Chattanooga area. I ask that you give this proposed merger your full support.

Sincerely,

Tim Spires, President and CEO
Chattanooga Regional Manufacturing Association